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1. The officers, civilians, and reenlisted EM (Sverkharnchniki) of ISU #23 were requested to "volunteer" for attendance at an evening school in Leipzig, called the Marxism-Leninism University. This university was located on Montbestrasse, between Dhlunitzer and Gohliser streets.
2. To enroll in the university, the applicant had to have 10 years' schooling, write a letter of application to the director of the university, and submit it to the political officer (zampolit) of his unit, who attached a "resolution", or approval, and forwarded the letter to the director of the university. The letter of application consisted of a declaration of one's desire to enroll, with an indication of the applicant's educational and Party record.
3. The university opened in September of each year and offered two courses; the two courses ran concurrently from September to June. At the end of the course in June a difficult oral and written examination was given the students and those unable to pass were expelled from the university.
4. The first-year course consisted of the following subjects:
  - (a) History of the Communist Party (a short course)
  - (b) The Communist Manifesto
  - (c) History of the USSR (published in three volumes by Pankratov)
  - (d) Inner Politics of the USSR
  - (e) Works of Lenin and Stalin (The works of Lenin were on the schedule, but very little of them were studied; the emphasis was placed on Stalin's works)

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Fifty or 60 students enrolled in the first course. Most of the students were officers, with a few civilians and two NCO reenlistees (Sverkharnochniki)

- 25X1 5. [REDACTED] the following ISU #23 personnel [REDACTED] 25X1  
attended the first course: Captain (fnu) Ukhov; Dr. N. G. Zhukova, civilian; Vladimir Landyshev, civilian; Pavel Panarin; Sgt. (fnu) Arkhipov, platoon leader of the automobile battalion; and Sgt. (fnu) Kurnetsov (cultural organizer).
6. The following subjects were taught in the second course:
- (a) Dialectical and Historical Materialism
  - (b) Philosophy
  - (c) Political Economy
  - (d) Works of Stalin and Lenin
7. About 90 officers and civilians attended the second course, among whom were the following ISU #23 personnel: Major V. K. Podmasko; Lt. Col. A. A. Rakov; Captain V. I. Mashchenko; Sr. Lt. (fnu) Tutolin.
- 25X1 8. After passing the examinations at the end of the second course each student received a diploma. A nickname for the Marxism-Leninism School [REDACTED] was "The Institute of God's Law" (Institut Zakona Bozhego).
- 25X1 9. [REDACTED] reason for attending the school was to avoid compulsory political training and indoctrination in the future [REDACTED] 25X1
10. The school director was a Soviet female civilian, Osupova (fnu), who was about 33 years old, 1.60 m. tall, and weighed 55 kg. She was a Party member and was sent to Leipzig from the USSR. Her staff consisted of three instructors for the first course and two for the second [names unknown].
11. School hours were from 1800 to 2200 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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